



**Business Recovery Status Report #15**  
**Presidential Disaster #1763**  
**October 17, 2008**

[www.flood2008.iowa.gov](http://www.flood2008.iowa.gov)

**Iowa State University Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS)** ([www.ciras.iastate.edu](http://www.ciras.iastate.edu))

- CIRAS teams continues to explore opportunities and to offer solutions to assist manufacturers (total=18 companies) in exceeding pre-disaster production levels. Examples of assistance include facility layout, materials testing, Kaizen events, productivity improvement and education on conducting business with federal, state and local agencies along with identifying current and future procurement opportunities for Iowa businesses.
- CIRAS is exploring opportunities/needs for hosting workshops to address common industry recovery challenges and collecting lessons learned on preparation, disaster response, and recovery in industry.

**Iowa Department of Economic Development** ([www.iowalifechanging.com](http://www.iowalifechanging.com))

- Economic Development Board adopted emergency rule changes to allow businesses in presidentially-declared disaster areas damaged by floods or tornadoes to use state programs that normally require business expansion investments and job creation.
- Those businesses may request a waiver from wage level and non-statutory requirements to qualify for financial aid and tax benefits to resume operations and retain jobs in flood or tornado damaged areas.

**Rebuild Iowa Office** ([www.rio.iowa.gov](http://www.rio.iowa.gov))

- Governor Culver presented the first Jumpstart Iowa Recovery Initiative checks in Cedar Rapids today, Oct. 17.
- The first Jumpstart Iowa Housing Funds in Cedar Rapids was presented to George and Pat Neal, a couple whose Czech Village home was destroyed. They received \$29,000 in Jumpstart down payment assistance to purchase and refurbish a new home.
- Two Cedar Rapids businesses – Waypoint Services for Women, Children & Families and Universal Engineering Corporation – were presented Jumpstart Iowa Small Business dollars.

**U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)** ([www.sba.gov/floods/](http://www.sba.gov/floods/))

- SBA Application for Property Damage Deadline – **October 31, 2008**
- SBA Application for Economic Injury Deadline – February 27, 2009
- SBA Customer Service Representatives (CSR) staffing 1 fixed Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).
- Operating 1 Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) throughout the state.
  - SBA Customer Services Representatives are available at each location to meet with homeowners, renters, and non-farm businesses of all sizes to provide program information, help applicants complete paperwork and forms, and to close approved SBA disaster loans.
- Continues to sponsor a Business Recovery Center (BRC) at Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids, where SBA has assisted over **3,200** visitors at the center.
  - Available to answer specific questions about how a disaster loan may help each business and to help owners' complete business loan applications.

- Sponsors the availability of multiple additional services at the BRC and there is no charge for any of the services.

Iowa SBA Loan Approval Totals Statewide Current as of COB 10/16/2008		
	Applications Approved	Funding Approved
Home	2,980	\$153,122,700
Business/EIDL	604	\$87,130,200
Total	3,584	\$240,252,900

## **Donations and Volunteer Management**

### **Iowa Aidmatrix Portal**

To donate cash go to [www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/CashDonations/Default2.aspx?ST=Iowa](http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/CashDonations/Default2.aspx?ST=Iowa). The organizations listed are members of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters and other nonprofit organizations assisting in the recovery efforts in Iowa.

To view the identified needs and donate products go to [www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/FEMA/PublicPortal/ListOfNeeds.aspx?PortalID=113](http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/FEMA/PublicPortal/ListOfNeeds.aspx?PortalID=113). To fill a need, select **donate** and complete the required information.

### **Embrace Iowa 2008 Disaster Fund**

The 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund will NOT take the place of contributions to local agencies such as community foundations, United Ways or Red Cross Chapters; rather, the Fund will encourage local contributions and also provide a fund for those wishing to make statewide contributions.

To donate go to [www.desmoinesfoundation.org/page10002684.cfm](http://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/page10002684.cfm).

### **Cedar Rapids Job & Small Business Recovery Fund**

The Cedar Rapids Job & Small Business Recovery Fund provides financial assistance to a for-profit business (person or entity that sells good or services) or the owner of commercial property in Cedar Rapids that has sustained losses as a result of the flood.

To donate go to [www.gcrf.org](http://www.gcrf.org). Select "Job & Small Business Recovery Fund" from the selection of flood funds.

To apply go to [www.corridorrecovery.org/BusinessRecovery/BizRecoveryFundApplication.asp](http://www.corridorrecovery.org/BusinessRecovery/BizRecoveryFundApplication.asp).

### **Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service**

If you are interested in volunteering, register at <https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/icovs/volunteer/register/?id=>